

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] Unlike the variant embodiments of Figs. 6 and 7, referring to an O-valve 27 and in which the seat face 29 extends continuously, in the variant embodiment shown in Fig. 8 a chamfer 38 on the seat face 29 is provided, which is inclined by an angle 18 to the seat face 29. The transition from the seat face 29 to the chamfer 38 forms the sealing edge on the valve body 2. Analogously to the multiconical geometries on the valve needle 3 shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the valve needle 3 shown in Fig. 8 is embodied with the first conical face 20 and the second conical face 21, which have cone angles ~~[[18]]~~ **18a** and 27, respectively, that differ from one another; that is, the seat angle difference 18a and the angle difference 27 of the first conical face 20. The sealing edge diameter 25 is identical to the hydraulically effective sealing diameter in the new state. Over the course of operation, the inlet/closure region propagates both radially inward and radially outward, so that the hydraulically effective sealing diameter remains constant.